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SUBJ: MILITARY SITUATION

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1. IN MEETING AUGUST 3, ITALIAN DEFENSE ATTACHE TOLD CHARGE THAT DEFENSE MINISTER SAMANTAR STILL VERY WORRIED OVER WHAT EQUIPMENT US PROMISED PROVIDE ETHIOPIANS WHEN EMPEROR VISITED WASHINGTON.

2. WHEN ITALIAN DATT SAW SAMANTAR AUGUST 2, DATT TOOK LINE THAT HE WAS SURE US HAD PROMISED ETHIOPIANS NO NEW EQUIPMENT. SOMALIS HAD NOTHING TO FEAR FROM ETHIOPIANS WHO HAD ONLY ONE-THIRD THE NUMBER OF SOMALI TANKS. SAMANTAR DID NOT SEEM TO ACCEPT THESE ASSURANCES AND MENTIONED "SEVERAL REPORTS" THAT
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US HAD PROMISED PROVIDE IEG WITH NEW ARMORED BRIGADE.

3. DATT COMMENTED HE BELIEVED SOMALIS WERE FINDING IT DIFFICULT MAINTAIN CONSTANT ALERT. THERE WAS SOME GRUMBLING ON PART OF UNITS STATIONED IN NEW POSTS ALONG BORDER AND CONSEQUENTLY SUFFERING LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS (INCLUDING FACT SOME HAD NOT BEEN PAID). FROM MILITARY STANDPOINT, HE PERSONALLY BELIEVES ETHIOPIAN MILITARY DEPLOYMENT DOES NOT WARRANT PRESENT HIGH SOMALI MILITARY ALERT, AND THAT THERE MUST BE POLITICAL OR DOMESTIC POLICY REASONS FOR ALARMED POSTURE WHICH SOMALI DEFENSE FORCES NOW TAKING. CROMWELL

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